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		CHARLESTON DIVISION
	MST, LLC,	
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	vs.	CASE NO. 2:22-cv-874-DC
		LAND TRUST AND GEORGETOWN
	MEMORIAL HOSPITA	
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	Defe	endants.
	GEORGETOWN MEMOR	RIAL HOSPITAL,
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	Thi	rd-Party Plaintiff,
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	vs.	
	KYLE YOUNG AND 3	JACQUELINE YOUNG,
	Third-Party Defendants.	
	VIDEOTAPED VTC	
	DEPOSITION OF:	DANIEL WAYNE STACY, JR., ESQUIRE
	DATE:	February 13, 2025
	TIME:	10:09 AM
	LOCATION:	NELSON MULLINS RILEY &
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		Charleston, SC
	TAKEN BY:	Counsel for the Defendant and
		Third-Party Plaintiff,
		GEORGETOWN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
	REPORTED BY:	MICHAEL DAVID ROBERTS,
		Court Reporter
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A. Thank you.

Q. Hopefully we can avoid those today.

Mr. Stacy, am I correct that you

represented Georgetown Hospital system in its

acquisition of approximately 65 acres of Weehaw

Plantation from Jacqueline and Kyle Young, and that

transaction closed on December 30th, 2008?

A. I did.

- Q. Okay. Now, related to the acquisition of that property, am I also correct that you assisted and advised Georgetown Hospital System on a permitting process?
  - A. I did.
- Q. As well as an application for rezoning that property, which I'll refer to as the hospital parcel, for a planned unit development for a hospital campus and medical offices?
- A. I did. I was the attorney of record for that -- that piece of work.
- Q. And you were also as part of that acquisition asked to assist and advise the Georgetown Memorial Hospital on an amendment to a conservation easement that was previously -- or previously encumbered the hospital parcel; is that right?

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- Q. Now, putting aside the -- the Georgetown Memorial Hospital System's purchase of the hospital parcel, am I correct that you also represented MST, LLC in its purchase of Weehaw Plantation from Jacqueline and Kyle Young in June of 2010?
  - A. Yes, sir, I did.
- Q. And then subsequently in the 2013 time frame, did you represent MST, LLC in its purchase of what is called the Weehaw Cheves tract?
- A. Just a moment, please. Our office did represent them in the purchase of the adjacent property.
- Q. I would like to start asking you some questions about Georgetown Memorial -- or Georgetown Hospital System's purchase of the hospital parcel.
  - A. Okay.
- Q. When were you first retained, approximately, by Georgetown Hospital System to represent it in that transaction?
- A. Several months before that actual closing I was retained to assist with site selection input for a potential new hospital, so it

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would have been several, several months before the actual closing of the portion -- of the hospital parcel as you called it.

- Q. And with your reference to site selection, am -- am I correct that in that time frame leading up to -- to 2008, Georgetown Hospital System was inquiring as to potential properties for it to build a new hospital campus in Georgetown?
- A. Yes, and they asked me to assist with site criteria. I mean, just like this area that we're in today, we have a lot of areas that you run in wetland areas or sewer or water capacity issues, and so it was more of a look at that part of our county and what sites might be available that might be large enough that might have adequate infrastructure in place, that might have adequate utilities and road frontage, and that was part of that process.
- Q. I'm going to hand you -- I put the sticker on my copy. I apologize.

I'm going to hand you what I am marking as Exhibit 2 to the deposition.

(DFT. EXHIBIT 2, Three-page letter to Rick Kaylor from Daniel W. Stacy, Jr. Dated 5/2/06, was marked for identification.)

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within and around Georgetown County?

- Yes, sir, inasmuch as needed. We did some real estate acquisitions, some lease transactions for them. That was just -- this was me asking, I think, for Charles to give me whatever he had in his files regarding this parcel.
- Okay. And -- and that's what I want to Ο. get into here. Is the -- the May 2006 time frame, is that approximately the time frame that the hospital began looking into potential tracts for it to build its new hospital campus?
- To the best of my recollection, yes, Α. sir. That was quite a number of years ago, maybe 19 years ago now, but they would -- they asked me to help them rank sites, including this was one of the sites they had looked at before.
- Ο. Okay. What -- in that ranking process, what criteria did you, along with Georgetown Memorial Hospital, come up with as to what would be a suitable site for a new Georgetown Hospital campus?
- Well, again, most like the Charleston Α. market there are bridges in certain places and you did not want to be on one side of the bridge or the other. You were looking to be closer to your core

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population center, and thankfully in Georgetown

County when do you run out of adequate water and

sewer capacity to accommodate a facility like a

hospital system, because a lot of the western part

of the county is not developed. And so we had some

limitations on where we had enough of that

infrastructure that was in place.

- Q. And am I correct you also needed an adequate number of acreage to build a hospital campus?
- A. Oh, that is correct, Mr. Moran. And of course you would have to have a big enough site with contiguous upland acres versus trying to work through wetland areas whether you could potentially fill them or not, but you would try to have as many contiguous upland acres as you could because a hospital campus has a critical mass of size that it would require.
- Q. And when Mr. Bailey gave his deposition in the last week or two, I believe he also testified that railroad crossings were a concern for where the property could feasibly be located for the hospital campus. Is that also right?
- A. Yes, sir, my recollection -- again, this is sometime ago -- there were some sites that

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were located on Highway 521, but there are two or three significant railroads crossings there, and there was concern that should there be emergency traffic that it would be unable to reach the facility.

Again, trying to weigh out the bulk of the population base. Yes, there are people that live on the other side of the track, so to speak, that would need medical services; but the critical mass, how many lives were in the least difficult to access cone?

Q. Now, in this letter to -- to Mr. Nation you start by saying: Per our conversation this week, I need to get a significant amount of information from you regarding your status on the purchase on the tract.

And I know this was a long time ago, but just to the best of your memory, who did Mr. Nation represent with regard to the tract which I believe you're referring to as the Weehaw tract in the subject line?

A. I believe he was working for Georgetown Hospital System at the time and had begun some due diligence efforts on the site, but they were, again, transitioning representation.

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Q. And so am I correct that either

Mr. Nation or personnel at -- at the hospital had identified a portion of Weehaw Plantation as potentially being a tract that's suitable for the relocation of its -- of its hospital campus?

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- A. Yes, sir, it was one of the sites that met their criteria.
- Q. And -- and really this letter is -- is really just the transition of services from Mr. Nation to you and you getting the information that he had available to him at that time; is that right?
  - A. It appears to be that, yes, sir.
- Q. How did you go about initially approaching the owners of Weehaw Plantation about Georgetown Memorial Hospital or Georgetown Hospital System potentially purchasing a portion of the property for its new hospital campus?
- A. So my recollection is they had been in some conversations with the ownership group already between Mr. Bailey and a principal of the Young family. And when I came into this representation, it was beginning to transition to trying to negotiate a purchase and sales agreement with the, you know, appropriate contingencies and due

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Page 17 1 diligence periods. 2 I'll hand you what I'm marking as And for the record Exhibit 3 has 3 Exhibit 3. 4 beginning Bates No. GMH002824. 5 (DFT. EXHIBIT 3, Three-page 6 confidential document Bates labeled GMH 002824 7 through GMH\_002826, was marked for identification.) BY MR. MORAN: 8 9 Ο. Mr. Stacy, have you had to take -- had a chance to take a look at the document that's been 10 11 marked as Exhibit 3? 12 Α. Yes, sir, I have. 13 Ο. And what does this document appear to 14 you to be? 15 It looks like a letter of intent that Α. 16 was drafted by me on behalf of the hospital system 17 to propose to the owners of the property about the 18 framework to be -- you know, during the transition 19 to a traditional purchase and sale agreement. 2.0 Ο. And this property or this letter of 21 intent here is addressed to Danny Young, Larry 22 Young and Kyle Young; is that right? 23 Α. Yes. 24 And Larry Young was -- was Danny Young 25 and Kyle Young's father?

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A. Correct.

- Q. Okay. And in looking at this letter of intent, I see there's -- there's no mention of a conservation easement or any contingency in here about amending the conservation easement on the Weehaw property as a condition of the hospital's purchase; is that right?
- A. It's not in the letter of intent. We would have customarily gone from that to a contract with an appropriate due diligence period in it where we would have begun to do things like title exams and wetland delineations and the like. This was an attempt, I think, I guess, in 2006 to set forth the business terms.
- Q. And in your process -- let me back up. How long have you been practicing law?
  - A. Since 2000 -- since 1995.
- Q. Okay. And -- and what area of law is your practice traditionally focused on?
- A. The huge majority is real estate and transactional-related matters. There is some probate and estate work and there is, you know, some business acquisition, business formation, small business purchase and sales and a lot of land use, zoning and entitlement. But all transactions,

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soon as she had provided me her abstract and all the copies of the exemptions, then I would have absolutely known.

- In this initial letter of intent I see Ο. the -- the purchase price, looks like it was initially listed at \$35,000 per upland acre and then somebody struck through that and listed 30,000 per upland acre. Do you know who struck through that?
  - I do not recall. Α.
- And in this -- in this transaction, how Ο. was it that the initial offer of \$30,000 per upland acre was determined?
- The CEO of the hospital system and representatives of the Young family were discussing business terms.
- Ο. And so that's not something that you discussed was the -- the purchase price; you would have -- you would have been focused on the legal terms of the transaction?
  - Α. Yes, sir.
- Would you have provided any input on sort of market comps and -- and, you know, fair market value, things like that?
  - Α. If asked my opinion I would probably

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been in a position to say, based on the transactions we've closed recently in the area, that seems like a fair price, not a fair price; but I just don't recall one way or the other about being asked this.

- Q. But it's your recollection that the -the purchase price was solely negotiated between
  the owners of Weehaw and the -- the management at
  Georgetown Hospital System?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Upon learning that -- just to set a baseline fact here. Is it your understanding that of the 65 acres that Georgetown Hospital System ultimately purchased from Jacqueline Young and Kyle Young, 56.7 of those acres were previously subject to conservation easement placed on Weehaw Plantation?
- A. Yes, sir, as I recall the -- what I'll call a corner parcel, the corner 15 acres on the corner of Wedgefield Road and 701 was never subject to that easement, and so it was the surrounding parcel. That would comprise the size of the tract that they felt they needed to build the campus that they would have been planning at that moment.
  - Q. If you could, after you learned that a

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5th, 2007 because, obviously, I -- not obviously.

I would have communicated, I think, with Mr. Kaylor about the issues and then it made itself to a meeting for a discussion at the board level sometime after that.

- Q. Now, outside of just notifying

  Georgetown Hospital System that a portion of the
  hospital parcel was encumbered by the conservation
  easement and it would need to be modified or
  amended if they wanted to use it for a hospital
  campus as their intended use, did you ever raise to
  them any other concerns specific to the
  conservation easement itself?
- A. Other than going through the terms and conditions of the easement and what was permissible and what was not, and then, obviously, discussion that it may be possible to have a discussion with North American Land Trust about an amendment to it because having read it now that I've had to refresh myself on this file after a few years, realizing that there were significant portions of the inholdings of Weehaw that were subject to being developed we decided we would ask, could we modify.
- Q. And understanding that you weren't at this meeting, do these meetings -- do these

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Page 30 1 study. 2 Ο. And in this case you have -- you, 3 number one, provided your file to Georgetown 4 Memorial Hospital and you were also subpoenaed; is that right --5 6 Α. That is --7 -- by North American Land Trust? Q. Α. 8 That is correct. 9 O. And putting aside privilege, did -- did 10 you produce everything responsive that was not 11 privileged as part of your file? Everything we could find. Again, at 12 Α. 13 that time, Mr. Moran, it was 2008. The document 14 retention policy of the Bar was seven years. 15 didn't scan a lot then, and so that file was 16 shredded after the required retention period. 17 I just don't have the space to keep. 18 mean, we do, I don't know, a thousand transactions 19 a year. I just don't have the space. 2.0 Ο. Prior to -- prior to that retention 21 policy expiring in approximately 2015, let's say, 22 would you in the normal course have retained a copy 23 of that environmental report prepared by Red Bay 24 Environmental?

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I would have kept the paper --

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Page 31 1 MR. WALKER: Object to the form. 2 Go ahead. 3 THE WITNESS: I would have a kept a 4 paperer for everything until the file was ready to 5 be not kept. 6 BY MR. MORAN: 7 Understanding we don't have a copy of Ο. 8 the report prepared by -- or study prepared by Red 9 Bay Environmental here today, what do you recall 10 the conclusion of that report being? 11 MR. WALKER: Object to the form. 12 THE WITNESS: So to the best of my 13 recollection, that consultant determined that it 14 was an enhancement to the easement as it -- in 15 total because it would further encumber, in his 16 opinion, I recall, more ecologically sensitive 17 properties on the riverfront versus Upland Pine 18 Plantation. 19 BY MR. MORAN: 2.0 All right. I'm going to go ahead and Ο. 21 mark two more exhibits. I'll hand you Exhibit 5 22 which is the 1995 conservation easement placed on 23 Weehaw -- Weehaw Plantation by Larry and Judy 24 Young. 25 (DFT. EXHIBIT 5, Multipage document

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certainly worse for its ecological value by that action.

- Q. Now, prior to the execution of the amendment, did you understand the amendment to be valid and legally enforceable in releasing the 56.75 acres of --
  - A. I believe --

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- Q. -- the hospital parcel from the conservation easement restrictions?
- A. I believe that it was, still believe that it is.
- Q. And did you communicate that understanding to the hospital prior to their execution and purchase of the property?
- A. Yes, sir, I mean, we worked hand in glove or I worked hand in glove with the title insurance company that was insuring the transaction on this and worked with their underwriting counsel, and we talked about this whole process as we went through it together with North American Land Trust, as we went through with their advisors, who I didn't particularly have direct contact with; but I worked with Mr. Johnson who told me he would work with his own team, and we all believed it was appropriate and enforceable.

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- Q. Did you understand North American Land Trust to be represented by legal counsel as it was going through this amendment process?
- A. Mr. Johnson would say, let me run it by my counsel, and then we would send notes or documents and he would say, tweak this and change that; and so I hate to assume anything, but I assumed he was seeking that counsel.
- Q. Am I correct that Jacqueline and Kyle Young were also represented by counsel in this transaction and -- and the amendment process?
- A. They had advisors and counsel. I'm pretty sure I did the deep prep for the actual transfer, but my memory is, the Young family was using an attorney in Conway named Richard Lovelace for most of their counsel and advice because Mr. Young, Senior was a pretty active real estate golf course developer and Richard did most of their work.
- Q. Now, I also see -- I've seen in correspondence of a gentleman named Trevor Thomas on a lot of the documents. Do you -- are you familiar with Trevor Thomas?
- A. I think he used to work with Nelson Mullins. Am I correct in that?

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A. And I think they must have sought his counsel as well in some of these things now that you say that. I didn't really remember that, but I do remember speaking with him once or twice.

Q. In terms of ultimately amending the easement in the manner that it was amended, what due diligence did -- let me strike that.

In terms of amending the easement in the manner that it was ultimately amended, what interactions did you have with NALT as it relates to defining the specific process for amending the conservation easement and agreeing to a language that's included in the amendment to the conservation easement?

A. I think in a lot of our conversations with Mr. Johnson he told me what he would need to have to present to his board in order to present this, you know, the ecological study and surveys and proposed language. And we did -- I guess, the hospital system did with my assistance provide, prepare or procure those pieces of information.

I recall submittals to Mr. Johnson and him saying, maybe -- maybe another piece of information he wanted. You know, I think he was

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purposes of the conservation as a result of this amendment far outweigh any possible detriment.

Is it also your recollection that that was a conclusion of the study provided by Red Bay Environmental?

MR. WALKER: Object to the form of the question.

THE WITNESS: I would say conclusion of the North American Land Trust in their review of the request in total with all the information available to them.

## BY MR. MORAN:

- Q. At any point in time prior to the execution of the amendment, did you have any concern that it was invalid or otherwise legally unenforceable?
- A. No, we were working, again, with the North American Land Trust and its expertise and what they do as easement sponsors, and we were working on my local end with our title insurance company underwriters at Fidelity about making sure we were doing this the right way; and no one ever raised a question or an issue about it not being valid or appropriate.
  - Q. Who was the underwriter you were

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A. He's a gentleman who's now retired. His name is Joby, J-O-B-Y, Castine, C-A-S-T-I-N-E. He's been retired for six or seven years now, but he was their state underwriting counsel for Fidelity National Title at that time.

- Q. And you had conversations with Mr. Castine letting him know the plan to amend the conservation easement in this manner?
  - A. Absolutely.
- Q. And neither the -- the Youngs nor their counsel ever raised any concern about the amendment essentially being invalid or legally unenforceable; is that right?

MS. BAUM: Objection.

THE WITNESS: We never had anybody object to the amendment being invalid or concern about the amendment being invalid or enforceable of all the parties involved.

MR. MORAN: Sarah, I heard you barely. Did you have an objection you wanted to lodge, just to be fair.

MS. BAUM: Yes. Thank you.

24 BY MR. MORAN:

Q. Bear with me just one second.

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medical office building and another hospital use if we couldn't get an amendment on the balance. There was still some level of interest in, perhaps, acquiring that nine acres for a potential future use.

- Q. And in fact, the -- the hospital's obligation to go through with the purchase of -- to go through with either of those contracts was contingent upon North American Land Trust agreeing to amend the conservation easement; is that right?
- A. Yeah, it was, but the buyer could have always waived a contingency if they chose as to enforcement of that contract or one of the contracts.
- Q. I would like to transition now to talking about your representation of the Murrens in their acquisition of Weehaw Plantation from Jacqueline and Kyle Young.
  - A. Okay.
  - Q. And what is this, 11?

21 (DFT. EXHIBIT 11, Five-page document

22 entitled Title to Real Estate, was marked for identification.)

24 BY MR. MORAN:

Q. I'll hand you what's been marked as

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- Exhibit 11. Mr. Stacy, do you recognize this document?
- A. I do. It's the deed from Kyle Young and Jackie -- Jacqueline Young, MST, LLC, for I will call it the balance of the Weehaw tract.
- Q. And the balance being 687.2 acres; is that right?
  - A. Per the deed, yes, sir.
- Q. And the deed is transferring property from Kyle Young and Jacqueline Young to MST, LLC; is that right?
  - A. It is.

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Q. If you look at the bottom of the first page and on to the second page, there's a statement that says: This conveyance is made subject to all matters as shown on plat of 687.2 acres, the remaining of Weehaw Plantation on Black River surveyed for MST, LLC and the Nevada Limited Liability Company. Then it goes on to say: It's also subject to the conservation easement and declaration of restrictive covenants made December 29th, 1995 between Larry Young and Judy Young and North American Land Trust and subject to the amendment to the conservation easement and declaration of restrictive covenants between Kyle

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Young and Jacqueline Young and the North American Land Trust. Is that right?

- A. That's what it says, yes, sir.
- Q. Okay. And in this transaction you -- you were the attorney for MST, LLC; is that right?
  - A. I was.

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- Q. Now, did you go over this provision with the members of MST and explain to them what it meant from a legal standpoint?
- A. I would have gone over the entirety of the title notes with this parcel especially with the fact that the Murrens at the time had not bought a piece of property subject to a conservation easement. I wouldn't have necessarily discussed the Spectrum Cable Television Easement and the road right-of-way, but I would have absolutely discussed the terms and conditions of the easement.
- Q. And understanding that you don't recall word for word what you discussed with them, do you recall having that conversation with them specifically?
- A. My recollection is it was a telephone call because Mr. Murren wanted Hampton Peace his real estate broker on the call, and we had a

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conversation -- a telephone call to go through the title notes, especially the provisions of the conservation easement.

- Q. Okay. And that would have been prior to the closing of this transaction; is that right?
- A. Most likely talked about the hospital acquisition, and Mr. and Ms. Murren had a period of due diligence, and we would have done the same title examinations. They obviously wanted a surveyed -- I didn't recall that until just now -- but they clearly hired Mr. Powers to survey the property. So we went through our due diligence process. They themselves bought title insurance, and we would have discussed the title commitment and the exceptions in it.
- Q. And did you discuss how the amendment, if at all, impacted their use and enjoyment of Weehaw Plantation?
- A. We talked quite a bit about what the first -- the original agreement provided for the developability of these waterfront sites and how that was no longer possible, and the restrictions of the easement were now fully encumbering those, and that he would have a neighbor that would potentially be a hospital adjacent to him. Because

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at that point in time he was my client. He needed to know that.

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- Q. And at that point in time, did

  Mr. Murren raise any concern to you of there

  potentially being a -- a hospital on the site next

  door?
- A. He proceeded to close, so I'm assuming he got comfortable with it or they, not him.
- Q. Now, Mr. Murren testified -- strike that. I lost my train of thought. I'll come back to it.

Now, Mr. Murren testified that you communicated to him it was unlikely that the hospital would develop a hospital on the hospital parcel, and that is a terrible question. Let me strike that because I used hospital too many times.

Mr. Murren testified that you communicated to him that GMH was unlikely to develop a hospital campus on the hospital parcel. Do you recall having that conversation with Mr. Murren?

A. I do not recall having that conversation and cannot think of why I would have said that. I mean, after the hospital's acquisition, you had the great recession. There

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was a reset. There was the pending approval of, I guess I'll call it the Obamacare Act was being discussed, and I think they were putting their plans on pause; but I never would have represented that they were going to do nothing with it.

Q. And did you make clear to Mr. Murren that even if the hospital didn't develop a medical campus on the hospital parcel that was sold or the hospital chose to it could develop some other type of property there?

MR. WALKER: Object to the form of the question.

THE WITNESS: I don't recall us having that specific conversation. Later we did. Not at that moment.

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- Q. And when -- what later conversation are you referring to?
- A. When the system asked me to get this parcel and several others that they had decided to deem as surplus appraised so they could begin to market what they deemed to be surplus properties, I recommended that we reach out to Mr. Murren and tell him that the property was going to be for sale and that it would be offered to him before it hit

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the market based on whatever appraised value was produced at that time.

So I did, I reached out to him and said it was going to be for sale and if he would like to purchase it. I believe I shared a copy of the appraisal from Hucks & Associates with him. I did not know that they had -- this is irrelevant -- I did not know that they had any domestic issues so I communicated email to both, but I spoke to her separately and I spoke to him separately about that it was available for purchase and that would have been 2021ish, somewhere in there.

- Q. So you spoke to both Jim and Heather Murren about the -- the hospital parcel being for sale?
  - A. T did.

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- Q. Did either of them express any interest in purchasing the hospital parcel?
  - A. No, they did not.
  - Q. Did they provide a reason as to why?
- A. They did not to me. They said they were not interested at the moment. I said, okay.

  Just thought it was the neighborly thing to do.
- Q. Now, during your representation of -- of MST, LLC, did either Jim or Heather Murren

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